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Tax raps slapped on oil firm

By Nikko Dizon

THE BUREAU of Customs (BOC) yesterday filed a P5-billion smuggling case against Phoenix Petroleum Philippines Inc., which the bureau describes as one of the country's "fastest growing" oil companies.

Fastest growing

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By Nikko Dizon



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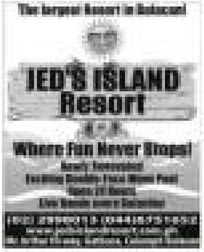
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'Fugitive Ampatuans seen playing basketball with soldiers'

By Philip C. Tubeza

THREE members of the Ampatuan clan wanted for the Maguindanao massacre freely roam the province and have even been seen "playing basketball" with soldiers, Maguindanao Gov. Esmael Mangudadatu said yesterday.

Mangudadatu told reporters that a relative of one of the massacre's 57 victims had written Malacañang and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to complain about the government's failure to arrest Sajid Islam Ampatuan, Ulo Ampatuan and Ipi Ampatuan.

He said the three were grandsons of clan patriarch Andal Sr. who, with son Andal Jr. as primary suspect and other family members and followers, has been charged with multiple murder for the Maguindanao massacre, the worst incidence of political violence in the country on Nov 23, 2009.

Mangudadatu spoke during a break in the hearing of the massacre case at Camp Bagong Diwa, Bicutan, Taguig City.

"They were seen playing basketball with soldiers, they're still young," Mangudadatu said.

Scot-free

They were also seen two weeks ago freely moving around Raja Buayan town whose mayor is also a clan member.

Despite the P300,000 bounty on each of their heads, the three were able to roam around because a local military official was "protecting" them, Mangudadatu said.

"If they really wanted to arrest (the three), they would have done so easily," he said, declining, however, to name the military officer.

Of the 196 suspects in the massacre that claimed 57 lives—including the wife and relatives of Mangudadatu—79 have been arrested but only 56 have been arraigned in court.

Mangudadatu also yesterday reiterated his opposition to a motion filed by Andal Sr. asking to be hospitalized due to a [illegible] condition that has affected his leg.

'He might escape'

"We will ask our lawyers to have our own doctors examine him. We do not want him to stay in a hospital indefinitely. He might escape," Mangudadatu said.

Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes on Monday ordered the officer in charge of the Quezon City Jail Annex to have Andal Sr. examined by a physician of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

"(The physician) is directed to furnish this court the results thereof within 24 hours," Reyes said.

"In the meantime, appropriate action on the prayer to authorize a full medical examination of the accused is held in abeyance pending compliance herewith," she said.

Prosecution lawyers said they would file on Monday a formal opposition to a full medical exam for Andal Sr. outside the BJMP prison.

At yesterday's hearing, police medico-legal officer Chief Insp. Raymund Cabling finished his testimony on the last four victims he autopsied.

Coroner's testimony

Cabling said government employee Eduardo Lechonsito had 30 gunshot wounds, two of them in the head.

"One hit him in the jaw and it fractured the mandible and lacerated the brain. The one fatal because it was a head shot," Cabling said.

Lechonsito, his wife Cecille and three others were in a Toyota Vios on their way to Cotabato City when they fell in with the convoy that was on its way to Shariff Aguak to file candidacy papers for Mangudadatu.

The Ampatuans allegedly wanted the convoy stopped at all cost to prevent the filing of Mangudadatu's candidacy for governor, a post held by the patriarch.

Cecille's autopsy showed traces of semen and a contusion in her vagina besides having been shot point blank in the tongue and suffering six other gunshot wounds and two contusions in the body, Cabling said.

Sandi de los Reyes, Lechonsito's coworker who was in the car with them, had six gunshot wounds, two of them fatal, he said.

Cabling said journalist Bienvenido Bataan of Periodico Ng [illegible] and Santos City suffered 11 gunshot wounds, two of them fatal.

Depression threatens to become storm

Nestlé recalls contaminated instant Maggi noodles







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New marine species found off Batangas

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DOCTORS GOSLINER AND ONG during Monday's press conference in UP

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OPINION

Pakistan knew

EDITORIAL

ASIDE FROM the four dead and one wounded already reported, there was another casualty in the US raid on Osama bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan early this week: the credibility of the Pakistani military. Given all the details of the location and size of the compound, and the unusual conduct of the compound's residents, it is difficult to imagine that the highly trained army of a nuclear power could have missed telltale clues in the five or six years Bin Laden was said to have resided in the compound—especially as that army was supposed to be in active pursuit of the notorious al-Qaida founder in the first place.

The official White House account of the raid has been partially changed at least twice, and official or officially sourced descriptions of the compound as a mansion or a luxury residence (something the available pictures give the lie to) continue to alienate observant news consumers. But there is no need to rely on White House sources as far as the fact of the compound itself is concerned; we can check it for ourselves, by looking at Google Maps, or using the many interactive graphics now available on news websites. The compound is only several hundred meters away from a Pakistani military academy; it stands out in its immediate area, for its high security perimeter and third-floor privacy wall; it was especially conspicuous when it was being built, a few years ago, when there were fewer houses in the area. It strains credulity to assert, as various Pakistani officials have done, that the compound did not arouse suspicion.

"It needs to be appreciated that many houses have high boundary walls, in line with their culture of privacy and security," a Pakistani government statement read. "Houses with such layout and structural details are not a rarity."

But as news reporters were able to confirm only a day after the early morning raid, the conduct of the compound's residents was also suspicious. They hardly went out, the many children inside did not go to school, they did not let any visitors in. US officials say the compound aroused their suspicion also because it did not have a telephone or an Internet connection, and because the residents took the unusual precaution of burning their trash. It was the conduct, in other words, of people with something to hide. As an Abbottabad resident put it, "People were surprised in this neighborhood about this place and these guys. They used to gossip, say they were smugglers or drug dealers." Exactly. But apparently Pakistan's prestigious military doesn't engage in gossip, or listen to it.

The town itself, even though heavily populated by military men or retired personnel, is no stranger to top terrorists. Before his arrest elsewhere in Pakistan, top al-Qaida deputy Abu Faraj al-Libi used to live there. And only last January, top Indonesian terrorist Umar Patek and his Filipina wife were arrested in the town. (The news broke only in March, when the Associated Press heard of the arrest and wrote about it.) In other words, a government intent on pursuing the world's most wanted man would have had ample reason to keep a close, even intense watch on Abbottabad.

We realize that, for Islamabad, the entire Osama bin Laden question is vexing and complicated. Ever since then President Pervez Musharraf said offhandedly in 2002 that Bin Laden was either undergoing dialysis in Saudi Arabia or already dead, there has always been an ambivalence in official Pakistani attitude about Bin Laden's ultimate fate. It is true that Pakistan has many other interests than merely playing terrorist cop, including the stability of its Afghan neighbor.

But apparently, according to Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, it is the world's fault that Bin Laden had gone undetected for so long. "Certainly, this is intelligence failure of the whole world, not Pakistan alone," he told the media in France the other day.

That idea is an even more difficult sell. From what we can see, the best that can be said is that Bin Laden was either hiding or being hidden, and Pakistan was either incompetent or complicit.



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As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

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The debate over the dead Bin Laden's photos

Passion for Reason

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'Democratic deficit' hampers Aquino regime

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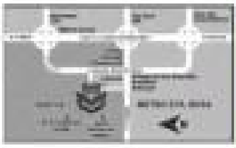
Bin Laden, Geronimo and Lawton

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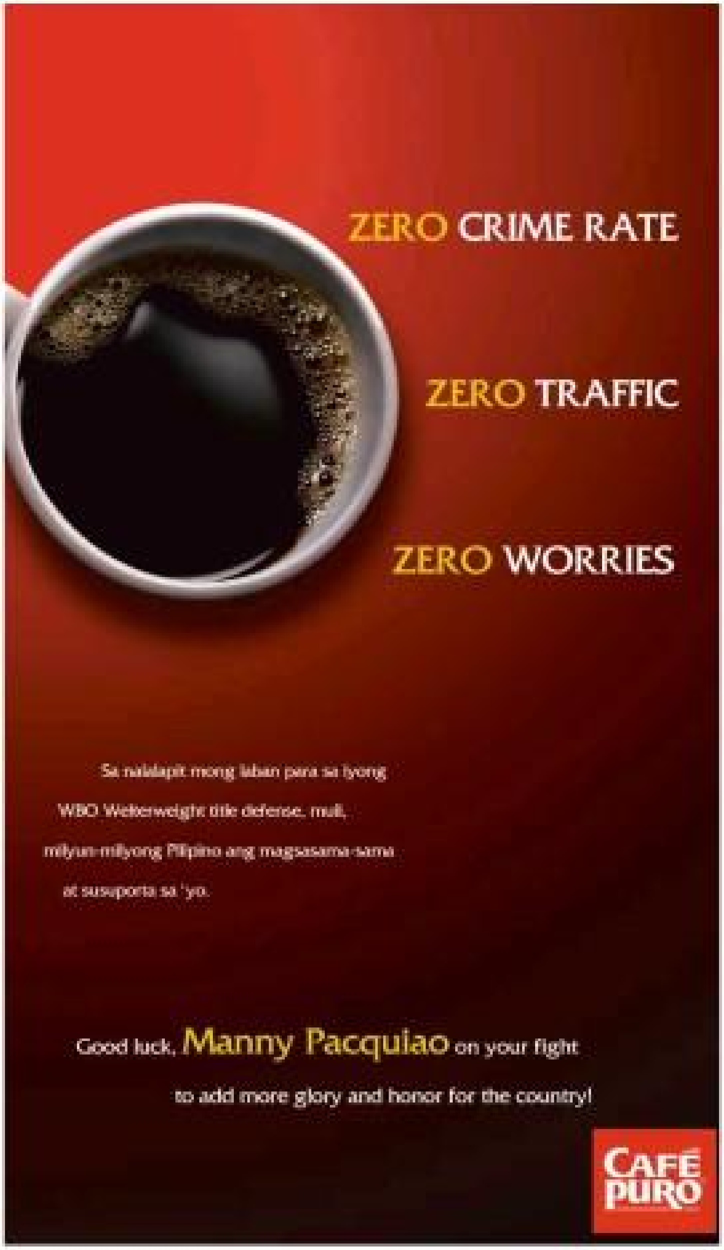


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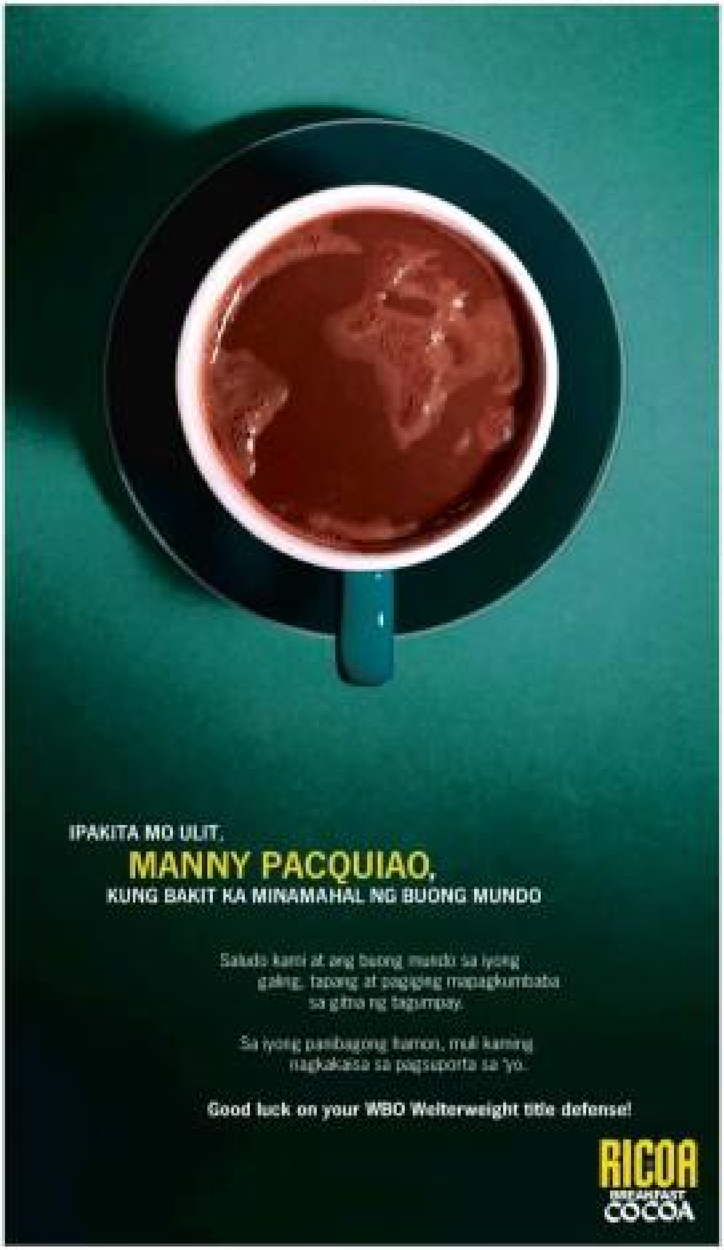
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Manhunt on for car smuggling brains

Some vehicles were stolen in US as PH customs execs clueless on case

'The smuggling problem is systemic...'

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Authorities have issued an alert for the arrest of the man behind a fleet of smuggled luxury vehicles that were seized from a warehouse that his half-brother owned in Talakag, Bukidnon.



Oil leaks again from Nokor ship

Rains, floods bring woes to Visayas, Mindanao areas



TOUCHING THE CLOUDS

Another bus crash: 3 dead, 10 hurt in San Carlos

Town keeps weaving tradition alive, well

HOMETOWN Snapshot



Ex-vice mayor wanted for fraud nabbed after 4 years

P-Noy to employers: You can afford to raise pay

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He made the call a day after the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop), which organized the conference, said the best offer it could give workers was P11.35 in daily wage increase.

More change

As expected, organized labor said the amount would not alleviate workers' sufferings. The Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU), which is seeking a P125 daily wage increase, called on the employers not to be stingy.

"Workers are not children that can be pacified with measly P11 in loose change thrown in the way of workers," said the Partido ng Manggagawa, which is demanding a P75 wage increase.

The Trade Union Congress of the Philippines is pushing for a P75 increase in the daily minimum wage.

On Sunday, Mr. Aquino ordered the regional tripartite wage boards to fast-track deliberations on wage increase petitions filed by labor groups nationwide.

The President said that he expected minimum wage workers in Metro Manila to get their wage hike by next week, and those in other regions within the month.

Strengthen purchasing power

Mr. Aquino sought the wage adjustment even after he heard the president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Francis Chua, telling the conference that a wage increase was "not the only solution" to helping workers during these hard times.

Chua suggested raising the workers' standard of living by "increasing their purchasing power," among other measures.

In his speech, Mr. Aquino said the government had been "framing the midnight oil" so it could create a good business environment.

He said it had been "successful so far," as shown by "a surge of confidence" in the country's economic prospects. This confidence, he said, was partly due to the country's able fiscal management.

"But even as we create an environment conducive to business growth, I know that some of you have concerns about possible increases after I urged the wage boards to expedite rulings on the petitions of the labor sector," he said.

Balancing concerns

But the President said the job of the Palace was to balance the sometimes competing concerns of workers and employers.

"What we have offered to labor is not necessarily harmful to your interests," he said in reference to the wage increase to be given by wage boards nationwide.

He said the Palace had no intention of asking Congress to legislate an across-the-board increase in wages.

"But the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas does believe that certain wage adjustments through the regional wage boards can be absorbed by the economy," the President said.

He asked employers not to look at this as a threat.

"Just imagine: In a few years, our population will undoubtedly continue to grow. Can you imagine if that growth in population were coupled with an enhanced purchasing power? Can you imagine if more Filipinos had jobs that could afford them more than just their basic needs?" the President said.

Boon to business

He said an economy such as what he had described would be "a boon to your businesses."

In a statement, KMU chair Elmer Labog said Ecop's complaint that it was suffering because of the high cost of fuel and energy was more believable than its claim that giving workers just wages would result in inflation and the closure of companies.

"The employers are now admitting that they too are affected by the fuel price hikes. So, they should join the fight against fuel price increases instead of being stingy in giving wages," Labog said.

Higher productivity

The chair of the Partido ng Manggagawa, Renato Magtubo, said employers owed workers at least P56 due to lost purchasing power and unpaid share in increased productivity.

"Capitalists are again trying to shortchange workers. Despite the minimum wage increase granted, workers [in] Metro Manila will have P25 in real terms of their purchasing power since year 2000 and another P35 as their share in improved productivity since last year," he said.

The loss in purchasing power was computed by the Partido ng Manggagawa using the 172.3 consumer price index (CPI) as of April 2011. The base figure of the CPI in 2000 was 100 and the minimum wage that year was P250, according to the labor group.

It arrived at P35 in unpaid productivity share using the P2.43 trillion in gross domestic product last year, the 7.3 percent in annual GDP increase and the number of wage and salaried workers, pegged at 19.2 million.

Partido ng Manggagawa asked the Metro Manila wage board to grant the P75 wage petition as "immediate relief" for the workers.

Cost of living for family

The group said its study showed that the cost of living for a family of six in Metro Manila was about P1,019 per day.

Both Magtubo and Labog disputed employers' claims that they can only afford a P11-increase due to the high fuel and energy costs.

"Despite the fuel price increases, the profits of the capitalists remain substantial. They should fight the price increases of basic goods and services and at the same time grant meaningful wages," Labog said.

He denounced Ecop for citing 400 Japanese companies in Southern Tagalog that shut down to justify its position.

"These Japanese companies experienced difficulties due to the triple disasters that struck Japan and not because they could not afford the high wages of the workers. What happened to these companies should not be used by Ecop to blackmail workers. Most companies in the Philippines remain viable," he added.

5 cups of gourmet coffee

Magtubo countered Ecop's warning of the "dire impact" of a P75 wage hike.

"To illustrate, a gas station owner with 10 gas attendants will fork out only P750 more in wages per day, equivalent to the cost of five cups of gourmet coffee. It will hardly dent the lifestyle of even a small capitalist but it will go a long way to food, leisure, food and school a worker's family," he said.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz told reporters that Mr. Aquino's pitch for profit sharing was to avoid "a message that for those who can afford, the profits would have to be shared with the workers."

Virtues of dialog

In his speech, the President also sought harmonious relations between labor and management and suggested the revival of the "virtue of dialog—of sitting down and ironing out our differences without resorting to stifling our productivity with what can be reduced to wordwise and discriminative bickering."

"If we keep rampant from fearing productivity, and if we can approach every problem while keeping in mind that we are fighting the same battle for a better Philippines, then we will be stronger for it," Mr. Aquino said.





P-Noy's working style . . .

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of talking about his busy work schedule. Before reading a prepared speech at a conference of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) at Marriott Hotel in Pasay City, he told his audience about two "critical" newspaper columns that, he said, implied that "I don't work hard enough."

"For their information, this is my third engagement for the day," Mr. Aquino said of his scheduled appearance at the Ecop conference. "I started out rising at 5:30 in the morning not because I have to plant some seeds but because I have to board a plane by 6:30 to go to the wakes of two of our party mates—one in Cebu, one in Samar."

The wakes were for the assassinated Catbalogan Mayor Reynaldo Uy and for Cebu Vice Gov. Gregorio Sanchez Jr., who died from complications of lung cancer. Both men were members of the Liberal Party.

Indeed, Mr. Aquino had a full schedule yesterday, with two more appointments after the Ecop conference—a staff meeting at 2:30 p.m. and a courtesy call by the Singapore Technologies Telemedia and ABS-CBN and Skycable at the Yellow Room in Malacañang.

Correction, please

The President did not identify the newspaper columns that he mentioned.

But there were two columns published yesterday that scored his leadership style—"On Target" by Ramon Tulfo in the Inquirer and "Search for Truth" by Ernesto Maceda in the Philippine Star.

Both columnists attributed the sharp drop in Mr. Aquino's satisfaction ratings to his being a "do-nothing Chief Executive" who was "not working hard enough to solve the country's problems."

According to Mr. Aquino's deputy spokesperson Abigail Valte, the President raised the matter at the Ecop conference because he wanted to make a correction.

"I think this only time the President addresses an issue is when he wants to correct misinformation. That's important for us, because as we've always said, we deal with issues and not misinformation," she told reporters, adding:

"We don't want that sort of misinformation spreading because... it's not true. So I think he felt the need to address that particular misinformation that was coming around."

Each and every document

Valte said the President "has his own working style."

For example, she said, he "takes great pains to study all the papers" laid on his desk.

"He won't sign a document without looking at it first," she said, adding that "read each and every [document]" because he knew the effort that went into the papers brought to his attention.

Valte said Mr. Aquino brought papers to read and study during the Holy Week break last month.

She said he also made it a point to read all the briefing materials given him so he could ask the appropriate questions.

"You've seen him and you can see the kind of questions the President would ask. These are not ordinary or superficial questions," Valte said.

"Maybe those who are saying that the President is laid-back do so because they do not see his working style and what he is really doing. I guess these people only choose to see what they want to see when it comes to the President," she said.

'Very weak' rating

To add to Malacañang's woes, the 2010 Global Integrity Report, a worldwide monitoring and rating outfit, has given the Philippines a "very weak" overall rating of 57 in terms of governance and efforts to curb corruption.

The report, a major investigative study of 36 countries, was released yesterday in the United States by the Washington-based Global Integrity, an award-winning nonprofit organization that tracks governance and corruption trends around the world.

House Minority Leader Edcel Lagman said the 57 rating was down from the "moderate" 71 that the Philippines received in 2008.

He said this meant that the Aquino administration's high-profile campaign on "good governance and anticorruption" had been found lacking in substance and performance.

Lagman said the downgraded ranking also validated the previous finding of the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd. that the Philippines' corruption rating dropped to 8.9 from 8.25 on a scale of one to 10 in a survey covering the period November 2010-February 2011.

Lagman said the "good news website" proposed by Mr. Aquino's spokesperson Edwin Lacierda "to reverse the President's dwindling performance ratings will either be an empty page for the dearth of heart-warming stories or a polluted page of conjured 'good news.'"

Integrity indicators

The Global Integrity Report is a tool for understanding governance and anticorruption mechanisms at the national level.

Rather than measure perceptions of corruption, the report assesses the accountability mechanisms and transparency measures in place or not, to prevent corruption through more than 300 "Integrity Indicators" as well as journalistic reporting of corruption.

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Ace Hardware [illegible] of SM City Masinag

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N. Korean prison camps huge, growing–Amnesty

SEOUL, South Korea—New satellite images and first-hand accounts from former political prisoners and former jailers in North Korea have confirmed the enormous scale and bleak conditions of the penal system in the secretive North, according to a report released on Wednesday by the human rights group Amnesty International.

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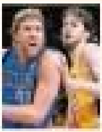
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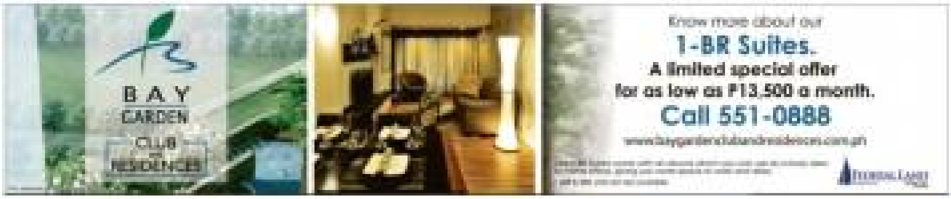
Local stocks slide as inflation rises

By Doris C. Lucas

BSP responds with 2nd consecutive rate hike

PRICES OF local goods and services rose faster than expected in April, prompting the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to raise borrowing costs in an attempt to squelch inflationary pressures.

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MRT 7 seen completed in '14

Part of Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway ready by August 2012

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Growth has not eased poverty, UN study says

US BPO company puts up 1,000 seats in PH

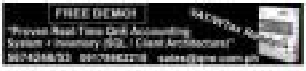
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Local stocks slide as inflation rises

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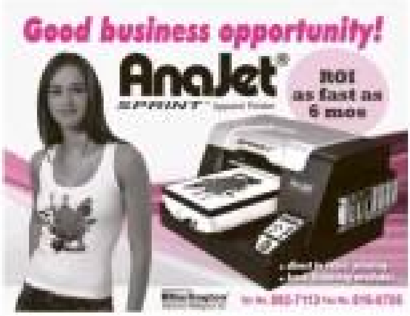




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Strong earnings seen for MVP-led firms in '11

Philex steps up expansion of mining interest

Question of quorum



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ArthaLand Corporation pushes full steam ahead with Arya Residences



Site visit: ArthaLand Corporation chair Jaime C. González (left) and CPG Holdings, Inc. chair Ricardo S. Po Sr. take a break after an ocular inspection of ArthaLand's flagship project in Bonifacio Global City.

With construction ahead of schedule for Tower 1 of Arya Residences, prime boutique developer ArthaLand Corporation is committed to deliver by the first quarter of 2014. Adding to the excitement of the construction progress is the formal entry of CPG Holdings, Inc. in an investment signing ceremony held last week.

The decision of CPG Holdings, Inc. to participate in real estate is primarily driven by the belief in ArthaLand's current management team. President & CEO of CPG Holdings, Inc. Christopher T. Po enthuses, **"We are excited by this opportunity to partner with the ArthaLand team and we view this as a long term investment. A major consideration for our participating was the depth of real estate experience that the ArthaLand team brings to bear, with key executives coming from some of the country's top property developers. We were also attracted by the company's land bank of prime locations in Bonifacio Global City which can provide a pipeline of attractive projects into the medium term. This combination of management talent and good locations give us confidence that the company will deliver high quality and differentiated products even in a crowded and competitive real estate market."**

The partnership is a strong reassurance to the residents of Arya Residences of the timely and proper delivery of their investment with the financial support, operational efficiency and development expertise of both companies.

BUSINESS Friday



Marketing wars invade medical centers

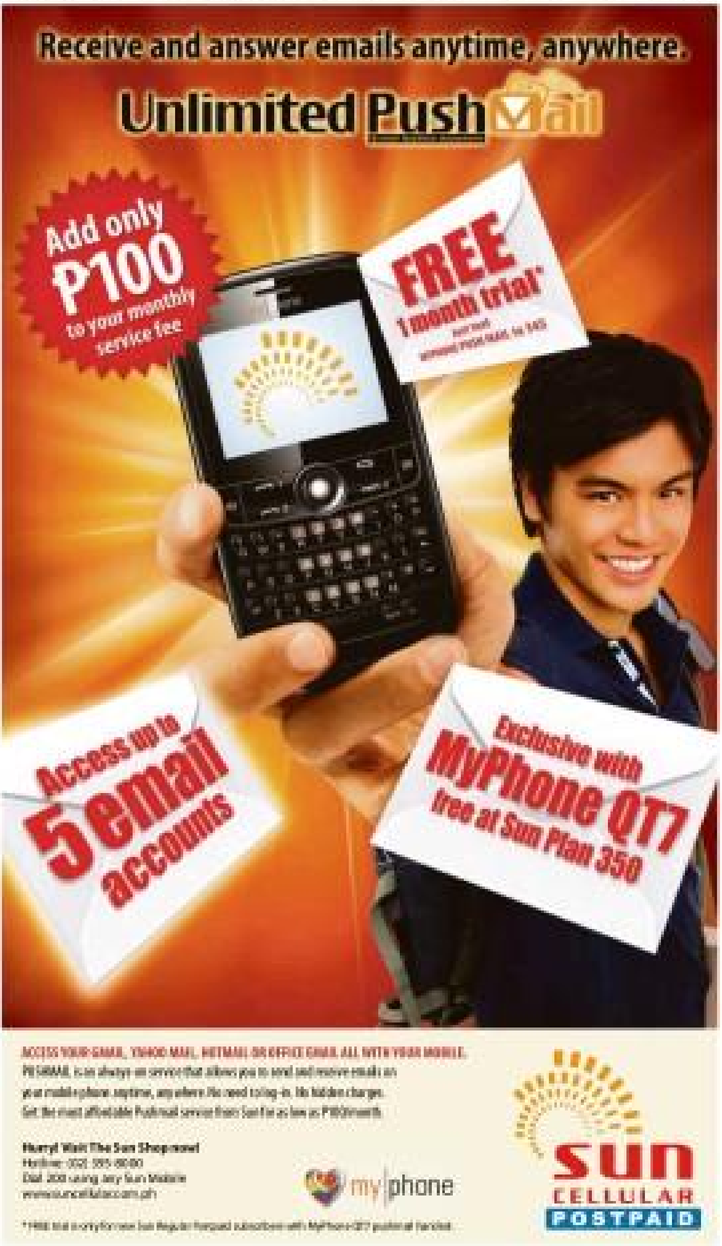
STI's mall therapy

St. Luke's vision

"Talk to doc"



MAKATI Medical Center sports a sparkling new lobby to greet patients.



Consumer motivations drive print media readership

Print media features

Right motivational drivers

Marketing wars...

Tell your story

Medical City way

Patient as partner



Micro-trends

Can product innovation work against price competition?



Marketing Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

The Honda case study

Philippine Finance Association

'Promoting Growth through Corporate Governance'

PFA holds National Convention today



PHILIPPINE FINANCE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Leasing in the Philippines

'On the crest of the leasing wave, the local leasing companies mounted the First Regional Leasing Conference in Manila in 1981. It was a well-planned and well-executed event, thanks to the team effort of the local finance companies under the auspices of the Philippine Association of Finance Companies'

Beginnings

Asialease is born

Leasing in the Philippines

Taxation of leases

Financial leasing: The exclusive domain of finance companies

Lobbying with PFA

The fate of the pioneers

Market leaders

ORIX METRO offers expert leasing solutions

Leasing in the Philippines

A sword of Damocles hangs

TOP LEASING COMPANIES: 2009 LEASING STATISTICS

Another rescue job for "Super PFA"

Opportunities not to miss out

PHILIPPINE FINANCE ASSOCIATION INC

The Philippine Finance Association Inc (PFA), formerly the Philippine Association of Finance Companies (PAFC), has been a major catalyst for change in the financing and leasing industry since its organization in 1962 by the pioneers in the financing industry - John Gokongwei Jr., Vicente Rocco, Andrew Gotianun, Jose Dorosa, and Quirino Cuenca Jr. One of the association's major contributions in the industry was the drafting of Republic Act No. 5980, otherwise known as "The Financing Company Act of 1969" which was enacted into law on Aug. 4, 1969.

On Feb. 28, 1998, President Fidel V. Ramos signed into law Republic Act No. 8556, otherwise known as "The Financing Company Act of 1998." Again the drafting of the amendatory provisions and the enactment of this new law are among the association's most important achievements.

With the entry of savings banks and commercial banks in the consumer finance business, the association amended its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws on Nov. 28, 1996 to include provisions that would allow banks and financial institutions engaged in consumer finance activities to become members of the association. On July 1, 1997, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the amendments including the change in the name from Pafc to the Philippine Finance Association.

Significant projects and contributions:

• Ateneo-PFA Training Center for Leasing and Consumer Financing

In 2003, the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School of Business and the PFA signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish at the AGSB a training center for leasing and consumer finance. This partnership is now officially called Ateneo-PFA Center for Leasing and Consumer Financing.

• PFA-BAP Credit Bureau Linkage A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to pave the way for PFA members to participate and have access to the BAP Credit Negative File Information System (NFIS). In reciprocal manner, the PFA will support the NFIS by contributing their own negative information on their various clients in the leasing and consumer financing industry.

• Seminars/Workshops Conducted:

"Alternative Financing Scheme for Small and Medium Enterprises"

In cooperation with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry

"Leasing: The Financing Alternative" by Ateneo-PFA Center for Leasing and Consumer Financing

"Winning with Leasing" presented by foreign leasing expert [illegible] and attended by Philippine and foreign delegates

• The PFA is Responsible for the Following:

Draft and passage of RA 5980 or the Financing Company Act of 1969

Draft of the first set of Rules and Guidelines Implementing RA 5980

Passage of the new Lease Revenue Regulations

Organization of the first regional leasing convention in Asia

Organization of the Asian Leasing Association

Establishment of a central registry of financed/leased equipment called "Security Access to Financed Equipment Tally Network" or "SafeTNet"

Draft and passage of RA 8556 or "The Financing Company Act of 1998"

Mission/Vision:

PFA will contribute to the social development of the national economy by playing an active role in providing credit, financing and leasing to consumers and to business and industry sectors. It serves as the voice of the industry and regularly interacts with government regulatory bodies such as SEC, BSP, BIR and other government agencies.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

(Master of Ceremonies : Mr. [illegible])

PHILIPPINE FINANCE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS





LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



Simultaneous with the royal wedding—a fab Face-Off in Cebu

As Kate and William exchanged vows on Samsung HD TVs, 13 of the country's best designers dazzled with their own winning finery



THE TEMPTATION to let their hair down, stay at home and watch the unfolding royal wedding on TV was great. But, in the end, Cebu City's fashionable set chose to dress to the nines and troop to the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino's main Ballroom Friday night to savor the collections of 13 of the country's best designers in Face-Off 2011.

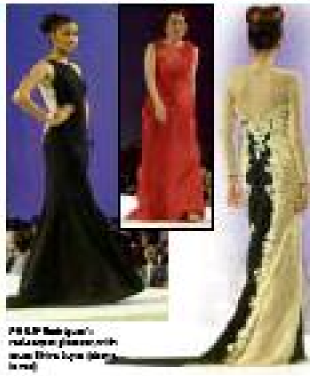












Simultaneous with the royal wed



Dramatic lighting

Metallic effect

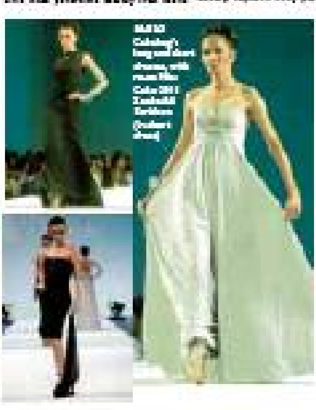
Body-conscious collection















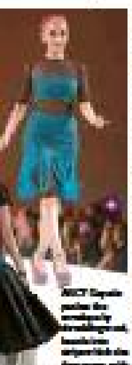




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Simultaneous with the royal wedding—a fab Face-Off . . .

Show-stopping numbers





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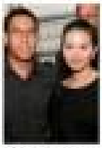
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Decadently delicious fashion affair

Without batting an eyelash

Maurice Arcache



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Ambassador Lhuillier honored

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Top interior-design school

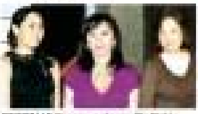
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New Japanese body care product

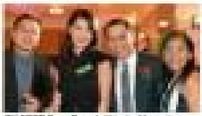
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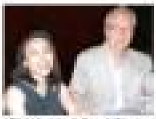
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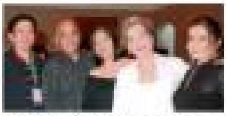
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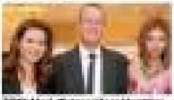
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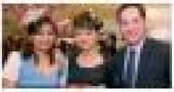
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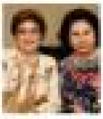
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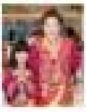
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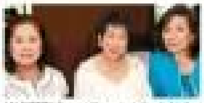
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Nautical fever





Make waves in wedges, espadrilles and chunky platforms







adidas eyewear puts the focus on femininity and sport The adilibria halfrim




Treat Mom at SM Mall of Asia!
This mothers day weekend, surprise your mom with a fun-filled and exciting day at SM Mall of Asia! Undoubtedly the country's top destination for lifestyle and leisure, SM Mall of Asia boasts a world-class shopping, dining and entertainment experience that your mom and the entire family will definitely enjoy!
MAV Studio and Marionnaud Make-over
April 30 to May 8
10AM to 10PM
Main Mall Atrium
We invite you to have a crazy shopping spree with Mom at SM MOA! Each purchase from Marionnaud entitles you to free beauty make-overs and amazing freebies! And MAV Studio ties-up the afternoon with a magazine-style photo opportunity so you can take home this amazing day with Mom!
The Complete Mom: Style Weekend
May 7 | 10AM to 8pm
Main Mall Atrium
A little twist here and there and you can turn your ordinary working and daylight fashions into a hip and cool style perfect for a night on the town! Manila Bulletin brings Liza Ilarde, Editor-in-chief of Style Weekend, to talk about how to do just that. The day also includes Body Shop demos and other surprises!
The Complete Mom: Sense and Style Day
May 8 | 10AM to 6PM
Main Mall Atrium
Lala Gamboa Lejuano knows the importance of sports, teammanship, competition, winning or losing in a child's development. And Janice Crisostomo talks about what it's like to be a mom when it comes to balancing self-fulfillment and family commitment. Manila Bulletin invites these two experienced women to share their experiences for a meaningful Mother's Day.
SM MALL OF ASIA
Celebrate Mom's Day at sm mall of asia
Happy Mother's Day
Enjoy a day with mom
Treat your mom to a fun-filled and worry-free day with special surprises that will surely let her feel like she's the star of the day. Dine, shop and have fun with mom at the mall like no other, SM Mall of Asia!
JUSTIN BIEBER MY WORLD TOUR
8PM | May 10, 2011 | SM MOA Concert Grounds
MAROON 5
LIVE IN MANILA 2011
8PM | May 23, 2011 | SMX

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



[illegible] Tessa Prieto-Valdes [illegible] Rajo Laurel

Nobody fumbled, not even the muses

The clothes were on par with each other. The people on the runway were also interesting

THE 2011 Samsung and Inquirer Lifestyle's Face Off last Friday stood out because it showed the comparative best of fashion designers from Manila and Cebu, and the Cebu designers more than held their own.

It was one fashion show where collections were on par with each other. Nobody fumbled. [illegible]

[illegible] Face Off Cebu at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino was a fitting start of the Face Off Series for 2011.

Just as interesting as the clothes on the runway were the people—other than the models—who paraded them. Each designer had his/her own muse to show off his/her creation.

NOBODY C2



MODEL shows off Samsung's Notebook 9 Series



MENSWEAR by Jerome Lorico



IN A DRAPED Eric de los Santos creation

Nobody fumbled, not even the muses



SEQUINED black number by Eric de los Santos

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They were Rosario Ozamis for Arcy Gayatin, Ancute's muse Lani Osmeña—a cancer survivor who bravely and glamorously wore a turban—for DJ Hofer, Emmanuel Ongbinco for Efren Ocampo, Miss Cebu 2011 Zeeba Ali [illegible] for Pablo Cabahug, Elvira Layes for Philip Rodriguez, Marguerite Lhuillier for Cary Santiago, Rose Allegrado for Randy Ortiz, Nica Kingdom for Patrice Ramon Diaz, Camilla Taylor for Protacio Empaces, Delphine de Lucena for Albert Bala, Yvette Moo for Mike de la Rosa, Mia Arcenas for Edwin Au, Meg Rizon for Jun Escario.

Cebu Gov. Gwen Garcia led the over 500 guests.

Waterfront general manager Marc Protacio apparently pulled out all the stops to set up a glamorous venue. The vast Waterfront ballroom was a sea of white, with tiffany chairs—in pearlized white—lined up around the 90-ft-long ramp designed by the production outfit of Jackie Aquino. Aquino directed the show.

Inquirer Lifestyle columnist Tessa Prieto-Valdes, in a jaw-dropping Baju Laurel [illegible] for [illegible] back, hosted the show and brought the house down as she gave a "royal" wave at the end.

Folded & Hung designers Jerome Lorico and Eric de los Santos did the Samsung eight-piece collection of black and gray.

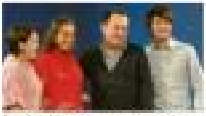
Major sponsor was Ayala Premier's 1016 Residences—the high-end residential condominium that was just launched in Cebu, and which is selling fast. Also supporting Face Off were Cebu Pacific, [illegible], [illegible], M. Lhuillier.



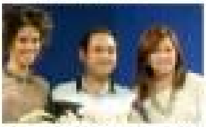
FOR SAMSUNG: Folded & Hung designers Eric de los Santos and Jerome Lorico



FOLDED & Hung collection for Samsung



SAMSUNG PR Manager Odette Velarde, Jose Allegrado, Randy Ortiz and Samsung AV Marcom Don Carlo Torres



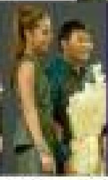
MEG Rizon, Jun Escario's representative and [illegible] of Ayala Land Premier



LANI Osmeña, DJ Hofer and Samsung PR manager Odette Velarde



MISS Cebu 2011 Zeeba Ali [illegible], Pablo Cabahug and Marco Protacio



MIA Arcenas and Edwin Au



SAMSUNG IT Marcom head [illegible], Emmanuel Ongbinco and Efren Ocampo



CAMILLA Taylor and Protacio Empaces



ELVIRA Layes, Philip Rodriguez, [illegible] marketing director [illegible]



MARGUERITE Lhuillier, Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia and Cary Santiago



AYALA Land's 1016 Residences project development manager [illegible] Rodriguez, muse Rosario Ozamis and Arcy Gayatin



YVETTE Moo, Mike de la Rosa and Ayala Land's 1016 Residences project development officer [illegible]



DELPHINE de Lucena, Albert Bala and [illegible]

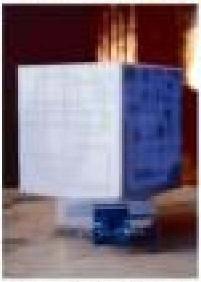


NICA Kingdom and Patrice Ramon Diaz

For one exclusive night, American Express painted the town BLUE.



(L-R) During the event: Ogdin Cantillo, Senior Vice President, BDO Consumer Lending Group Cards Issuing Business Head; [illegible]



Blue from American Express Credit Card is the first transparent credit card in the Philippines. The clear card technology is patented by American Express in 2001.

April 27, 2011 marked the launch of another iconic Credit Card – Blue from American Express®. Carrying the same brand of prestige and exclusivity afforded by American Express to its privileged clientele, Blue from American Express offers a full range of superior and exclusive benefits, perks, and web-based features tailored fit to cater to the lifestyle needs of the young and dynamic.

Republiq, Manila's premier nightlife destination, was the perfect setting for the unveiling of the Philippines' first transparent credit card targeted towards the young affluent market. The who's who in the Metro's social circle attended the event and enjoyed a night of pure fun, revelry and partying courtesy of Blue from American Express®. DJ Mark Nievas, Republiq in-house DJ, entertained the crowd with his signature club mix and spins. While Fil-American singer Amber Davis heated up the stage with her sizzling and fierce song numbers.

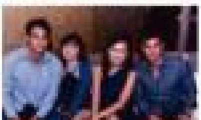
Top model, VJ and host Georgina Wilson together with Philippine Football stars Phil and James Younghusband were introduced as the brand ambassadors and endorsers of Blue from American Express.

Indeed, Great Things Happen with Blue. And the entire nation awaits as American Express turns the Philippine archipelago BLUE.

Watch out as Blue from American Express® invades Cebu and Davao this May!



Endorsers for Blue Phil Younghusband, Georgina Wilson, and James Younghusband



(L-R) James Younghusband, Kate Torralba, Daphne Osena Paez, Phil Younghusband

Love messages for Mom from SM Kids

Kids are the most spontaneous and affectionate – bringing joy to Mom and Dad with lots of love and lots of hugs. And this Mother's Day, they can express their love for Mom with cute, heartwarming statement tees from SM Kids.

Wear your love on a tee and bring a big smile to Mom on Mother's Day and beyond. What's more, every purchase from the Mother's Day Statement Tee collection at the SM Megamall, SM City North EDSA, and the Mall of Asia stores entitles one a copy of Special Moments Magazine.

The collection is available at the Children's Wear Department of all SM stores.



Mommy's Little Girl

Like all little girls, these statement tees for Mom have messages that are sugar and spice and all things nice.







Mamma's – and Daddy's Boy

Leave it to the boys to inject a little humor even in their most affectionate moments. These matching Mom and Dad tees are so cool they simply rock.









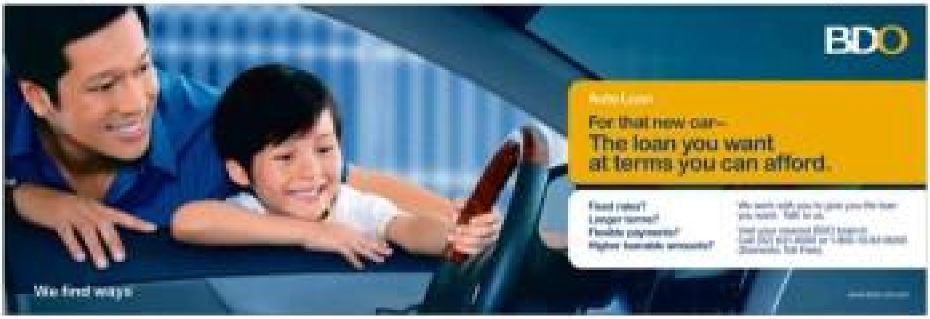
Stylish moms and daughters



How Cheska Garcia-Kramer, Mikaela Lagdameo-Martinez and moms like them keep a step ahead in style









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PHILIPPINE FASHION WEEK
HOLIDAY 2011

Cyber-shot · VAIO

May 8 - 15, 2011

OFFICIAL VENUE: SMX · SM MALL OF ASIA

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- ARNOLD GALANG • CHRIS DIAZ • GERRY KATIGBAK

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- L'ORÉAL PARIS presents LYLE IBAÑEZ • YVONNE QUISUMBING

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- FOREVER 21
- FOR ME
- PREMIERE A: Kristel Yulo • Michele Sison • Philipp Tampus • Ralph Ng • Roland Lim

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- OXYGEN
- MARLON RIVERA • M BARRETTO • ESAC

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- READY TO WEAR Collection: Dave Ocampo • Harley Ruedas • Jan Lasala • Jot Losa • Mike Lavarez • Philipp Torres • Reian Mata • Richie Bondoc • Ricky Abad • Ziggy Savella
- SM KIDS FASHION
- EMILY SY • JOYCE PILARSKY • JUN JUN CAMBE • MICHELLE LIM
- ERIC DELOS SANTOS • JEROME SALAYA ANG • SASSA JIMENEZ
- CANDIE'S
- REGATTA
- FORD MODELS' SUPERMODEL of the WORLD PHILIPPINES 2011
- VAIO presents DESIGN FUSION: Bo Perlon • Don Protasio • Russell Villafuerte • Veejay Floresca • Kerwin Ortiz; VISIONS & TRENDS: Aries Lagan • Enrico Carado • Happy Andrada • Jojo Peñalosa • Jun Garcia • Kenneth Chua • Regine Dulay • JD Go

15 • SUN

- GRAND ALLURE Collection: Albert Andrada • Cherry Samoya Veric • Emi Alexander - Englis • Fanny Serrano • Gerwin Gue • Gil Macabay • Jaz Cerezo • June Pugal • Marc Rancy • Martin Bautista • Pepe Go
- PREMIERE B: Alodia Cecilia • Anthony Ramirez • John Paras • Lizanne Cua • Mitzi Quilendrino - Bustos
- PREMIERE C: Derick Hibaler • Jeffrey Rogador • Kermit Tesoro • Raoul Ramirez • Yako Reyes
- RUSTY LOPEZ
- PENSHOPPE
- L'ORÉAL PARIS presents LOUIE MAMENGO

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Summer STOPS

WHEN PHOTOS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

The Kapurpurawan Rock Formation will leave you speechless

There are times when just looking at the pictures say more about a place than actually reading words. Writing about the Kapurpurawan Rock Formation in Ilocos Norte, it is clear this is one of those instances.





THE city's bustling retail and shopping district at Shangxiajiu Pedestrian Street.



BUILT in honor of nationalist Sun Yat-Sen, this memorial is an octagonal structure with strong national features. The four Chinese characters in the golden slab which hangs above the front door mean universal harmony and peace.

DESTINATION OF DISTINCTION

Guangzhou: Old and new

Text and photos by Joel V. Ngo

Flowers bloom all year round in Guangzhou that's why it is extolled as the "Oriental Amsterdam." The city, which is the capital of Guangdong Province in southern China, boasts of a long history which dates back to the Nanyue Kingdom in 206 B.C.

It was once the starting point of the so-called "maritime silk road" with a vital port that served as a venue for cultural and economic exchange between China and the rest of the world.

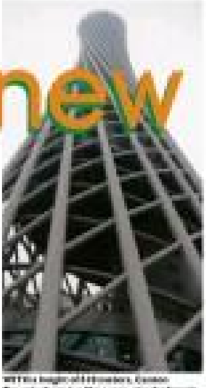
It is also regarded as a breeding ground for new ideas. Guangzhou is a pioneer of revolutions in China's modern history having historical sites such as Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall and the Peasant Movement Institute.

When China began to flex its muscle as an economic giant, Guangzhou became one of the country's major industrial and commercial hubs. But there's more to Guangzhou than its vast manufacturing facilities which serve both local and multinational companies. It is also a fast-rising tourist destination which attracts tourists from all over China and the world alike. Exploring its architecture—from its historic buildings to soaring new skyscrapers—is one of the best ways to appreciate it. Not to be outdone are the new tourist attractions that affirm that this thriving city has really come of age.

The trip to Guangzhou was made possible by Panda Travel (tel. no. [illegible]) and China Southern Airlines (tel. no. [illegible]). For more information, log on to www.pandatravel.com.



COMPLETED only last year, the Guangzhou Library's [illegible]



WITH a height of 610 meters, Canton Tower's shape [illegible] sightseeing platform [illegible] overlook the city.



BREATHTAKING performances from professional acrobats and animals can be witnessed nightly at the Chimelong International Circus. Opened in 2000, it is the world's largest permanent circus.



SITUATED beside the river in Zhujiang New Town, Guangdong Museum offers over 160,000 pieces of art and artifacts spread over 38,000 square meters of exhibition area. The museum is divided into three parts – Lingnan history, natural history and art.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde




GRACE Poe-Llamanzares

'TV talents should educate themselves'

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

THE MOVIE and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) said the 30-day suspension of TV5 game show "Willing Willie" should be a "wake-up call" for the local TV industry.

But the camp of program host Willie Revillame was quick to point out that the decision did not declare him guilty of "child abuse or exploitation" as widely alleged, following an episode where a 6-year-old boy performed a "macho dance."

Noel del Prado, adjudication committee chair, said the board's jurisdiction was strictly administrative and did not cover the question of child abuse. In any case, the committee's 14-page resolution asserted: "It is the responsibility of networks and talents to educate themselves [about] gender sensitivity, children and women's rights issues, the rights of indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, senior citizens and other marginalized sectors."

Not just ratings

In an exclusive interview with the Inquirer, board chair Mary Grace Poe-Llamanzares said, "TV networks should be able to police themselves."

Carmen [illegible], a committee member, added: "It should not be just about ratings."

Llamanzares was sure there would be arguments about the decision. "Some people would probably want a harsher punishment. But if we didn't credit the days when the show went on voluntary suspension, it might send the wrong signal to other networks — that the board didn't recognize the network's swift action to rectify a violation. We want the industry to practice self-regulation."

"It was not just about meting out punishment," she said. "We are offering a constructive resolution, so the incident will not be repeated." After all, she said, protection of children is not the sole responsibility of the MTRCB. "We need to work with industry leaders and other government agencies to come up with specific guidelines."

Llamanzares is calling for an industry summit to discuss the expansion of the current TV rating system.


WILLIE Revillame



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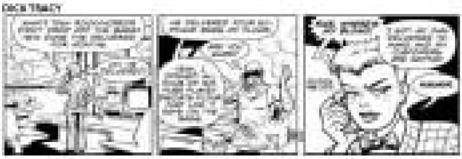
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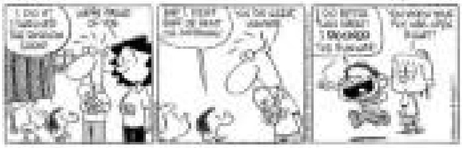
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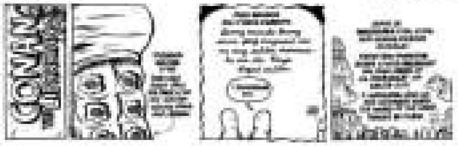
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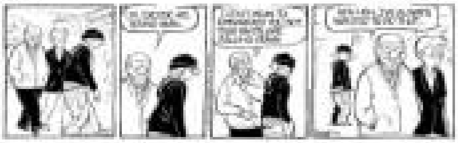
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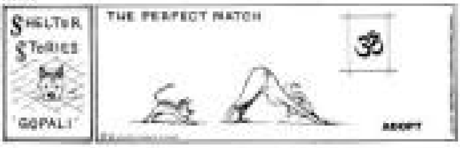
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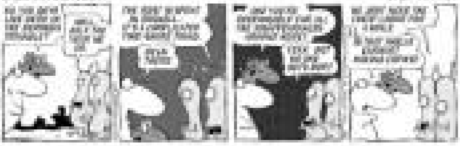
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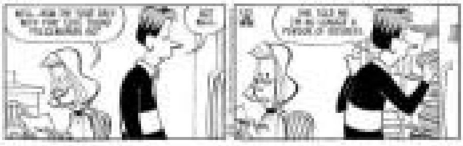
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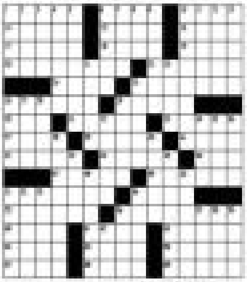
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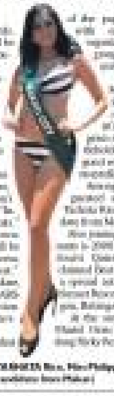
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First elimination night

Mermaid in 'Pirates' part-Pinoy



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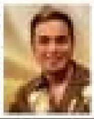
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ENTERTAINMENT Living Stars

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BARBIE and son

Tyler's wild-ride memoir

CHEER FACTOR





Mommy rocks

Barbie Almalbis-Honasan effortlessly juggles guitars and feeding bottles

HOME BODY



A GUITARIST figure given by a friend

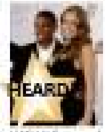


ROCKER also plays the piano









MARIAH Carey and Nick Cannon

Mariah renews wedding vows

LOS ANGELES— Mariah Carey and husband Nick Cannon have renewed their wedding vows in a Los Angeles hospital, just a day after the singer gave birth to twins.

Civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton said in a Twitter message on Sunday that he conducted a brief ceremony at the hospital, and also blessed the twins—a girl and a boy.

"Mariah looks great, and the babies are beautiful," Sharpton added in the tweet.

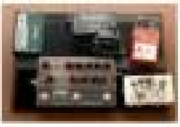
Carey, 41, delivered the twins by caesarean section on Saturday morning—the third anniversary of her marriage to comedian and actor Cannon. Reuters

Mommy rocks





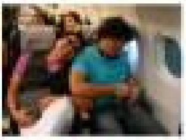




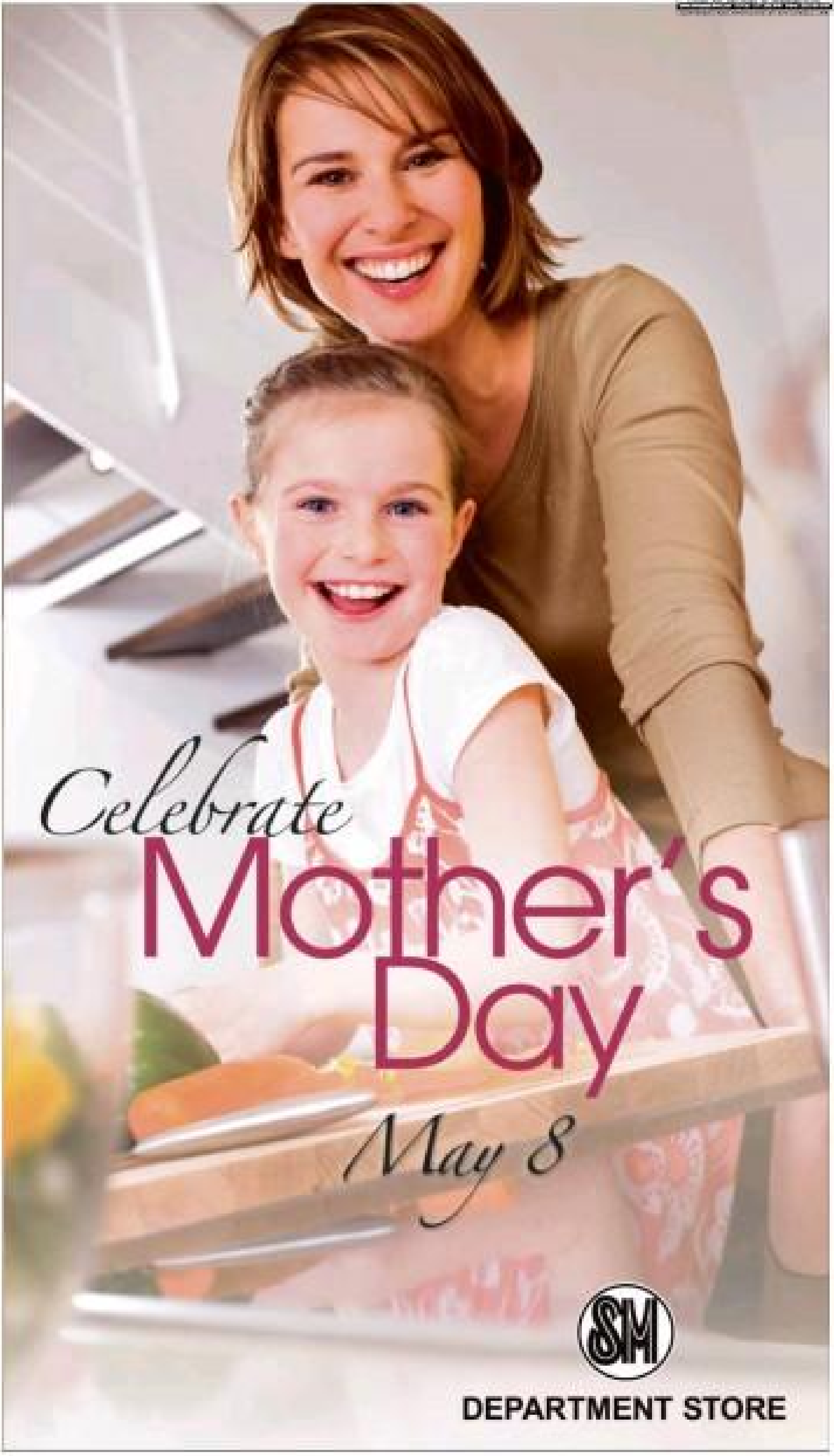








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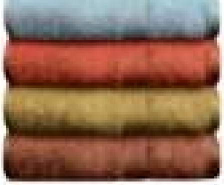




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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **PANASONIC INDUSTRIAL ASIA PTE LTD. (Philippine Branch)** has closed its business operation effective March 31, 2011 pursuant to a board resolution duly adopted on March 31, 2011. All creditors and persons having claim against **PANASONIC INDUSTRIAL ASIA PTE LTD. (Philippine Branch)** are directed to present their claim to its authorized representative **ATTY. MAMERTO Z. MONDRAGON** at Rafia Sulayman Bldg. #108 Benavidez St., Legaspi Village, Makati City with Tel. No. 8187739 / 3929255.

PANASONIC INDUSTRIAL ASIA PTE LTD.
(Philippine Branch)

By:

(Sgd.) **Mamerto Z. Mondragon**
Authorized Representative

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INVITATION TO BID

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LA UNION
City of San Fernando

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LA UNION**, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

NAME OF CONTRACT	LOCATION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT (P)	CONTRACT DURATION
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The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	[illegible]
2. Pre-Bid Conference	[illegible]
3. Opening of Bids	[illegible]
4. Bid Evaluation	[illegible]
5. Post-qualification	[illegible]
6. Notice of Award	[illegible]

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount to the **Office of the Provincial Treasurer's Cashier**.

The **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LA UNION** assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) **DR. GEOFFREY S. TIGAN**
BAC Chairman

NOTICE

Raffles Education Corp has established a financing facility with International Finance Corporation ("IFC"), a member of the World Bank Group, to support its continuing expansion. As part of its environmental due diligence, IFC has prepared an Environmental and Social Review Summary and Summary of Proposed Investment for this project and an Environmental and Social Action Plan has been agreed. These documents are available for public inspection at the following addresses from 6 May 2011 to 6 June 2011 for public review and comment:

Singapore
Raffles Education Corporation Ltd.
99 Beach Road,
Singapore 189701
Tel: 6338-2273

Greater Noida, India
Raffles Millennium University
Plot 5,6,7,8, Knowledge Park IV,
Greater Noida

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Raffles International College
Jalan Damai, off Jalan Ampang,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Raffles Design Institute, Dhaka
Gulshan Commercial Area
Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh

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PROPERTIES FOR FORECLOSURE AUCTION

Our Group of Companies invites everyone to bid at the public auctions for the foreclosure sale of the following properties:

TCT No.	Location	Type	Land Area (in sq.m. more or less)	Intended Mortgagee Bid (Php)	Date and Time of Auction	Place of Auction
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T-81799	Located within Brgy. Tambler, General Santos City, Province of South Cotabato. Southeast side of Compound Road, extending southward to another Compound Road.	Industrial Land	5,000	800,000	May 18, 2011 10:00 a.m.	Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice, Lagao, General Santos City

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For further information, please contact us at ...

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Col. RAMON LLANES QUERUBIN

Florencia (Flor) Bondoc Punsalan

UST Pharmacy Class '49

peacefully joined our Lord on May 4, 2011 at the age of 84.

Her remains lie in state at Good Shepherd Memorial Park, San Fernando, Pampanga.

Her loving husband, **Atty. Porfirio G. Punsalan**; children **Dr. Rene** and **Marissa**, **Dr. Jim** and **Tess**; grandchildren **Vincent** and **Monique**, **Joshua**, **Meanne**, and **Megan**; and siblings request the eternal repose and happiness of her soul.

Interment will be on Saturday, May 7, 2011 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Please omit flowers.
Donations will be accepted for the projects of Most Reverend Archbishop Paciano B. Aniceto, D.D.



In Loving Memory of

ATTY. SALVADOR A. PRINCESA

His remains lie in state at San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish Church, Congressional Ave., Quezon City. Interment will be at the Libingan ng mga Bayani at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday May 7, 2011.

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